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performing [the] a second predetermined calculation using [with the use of] the digital image and the confidential information; and

determining whether the digital image has been modified, using [with the use of] the signature data and a result of the second predetermined calculation [whether the digital image has been modified].

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REMARKS

By the above amendments, the specification and claims have been amended as to matters of form only, correcting minor typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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